में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती मारग्रेट अल्वा) : (क) दुर्गा मंदिर कमेटी को, स्वीकृत अनुदान का भुगतान इसलिए नहीं किया गया क्योंकि कमेटी सभी शर्तों को पूरा करने और पिछले कार्यक्रमों को संतोषजनक ढंग से चलाने में असफल रही है।

(ख) महिलाओं के लिए शिक्षा के संक्षिप्त पाठ्यक्रमों के लिए कोई अनुदान राशि दिए जाने की संभावना नहीं है, क्योंकि शर्तें पूरी नहीं की गयी हैं। पोषाहार कार्यक्रम के लिए अनुदान देना केन्द्रीय और दिल्ली राज्य समाज कल्याण सलाहकार बोर्डों द्वारा किए जाने वाले संयुक्त निरीक्षण के निष्कर्षों पर निर्भर करेगा।

रेलवे में शारीरिक रूप से विकलांग व्यक्ति

5. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रेल विभाग शारीरिक रूप से विकलांग व्यक्तियों से 25 प्रतिशत किराया वसूल करता है तथा उसके साथ उसकी सहायता हेतु यात्रा करने वाले व्यक्ति से भी 25 प्रतिशत किराया वसूल किया जाता है जबकि सहायता करने वाले व्यक्ति से किराया नहीं वसूल किया जाना चाहिए ;

(ख) क्या इस संबंध में कोई विसंगति सरकार की जानकारी में आयी है, यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार इस नीति को समाप्त करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

रेल मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) : (क) से (ग) शारीरिक रूप से विकलांग जो व्यक्ति बिना मार्गरक्षी के यात्रा नहीं कर सकते, उन्हें पहले और दूसरे दर्जे में इकतरफा यात्रा टिकट किराये में 75% और सीजन टिकट किराये में 50% की रियायत दी जाती है। इसी प्रकार की रियायत मार्ग रक्षी को भी दी जाती है और इस संबंध में कोई भेदभाव नहीं बरता

Youth hostels in Tamil Nadu

6. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of youth hostels in Tamil Nadu at present, along with their locations;

(b) whether there is any proposal to construct more youth hostels in that State during 1989-90; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the amount sanctioned for that purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WO MEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RE SOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) One youth hostel **at** Madras is function ing presently.

(b) and (c) During the Seventh Five Year Plan, three more youth hostels have been allocated to the State of Tamil Nadu. Out of these, the construction of the youth hostel at Madurai is expected to be completed soon. Approval has also been given for the construction of a youth hostel at Thanjavur. The third youth hostel will be sanctioned after suitable land has been identified and offered by the State Government.

So far Rs. 20 lakhs has been released for construction of the youth hostels at Madurai and Thanjavur.

Financial assistance to States for Development of State Roads

7. SHRI BAIKUNTHNATH SAHU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any financial assistance is provided to the State Governments to take up the development work of the State roads linking the National Highways;

(b) if so, whether any such road has been identified in Orissa;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Panikoili to Keonjhargarh State Road in

Orissa, linking National Highway No. 5 (Calcutta-Madras) and National Highway No. 6 (Calcutta-Bombay) needs urgent development; and

(d) if so, what amount has been sanctioned for that road?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Financial assistance is provided to the State Governments for taking up State roads of Inter-State or economic importance under the Scheme of Central Aid Programme of loan assistance for State roads of Inter-State of Economic Importance. Under the aforesaid scheme tor the 7th Plan period, the construction of alternative road linking Bhubaneswar with Khuntani including bridge over river Mahanadi in Orissa which incidentally connects NH-42 with NH-5 has been approved.

(c) and (d) The Government of Orissa have proposed inclusion of this project for financing under the Asian Development Bank Assistance Programme.

Rail Accidents in Kerala

8. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of railway accidents which took place during 1988-89 in Kerala ;

(b) what was the number of accidents reported during the previous year;

(c) what is the number of fatalities reported in these accidents and the amount disbursed as compensation;

(d) what were the main causes of these accidents;

(e) whether Gove-iment have appointed any experts for looking into the frequent accidents;

(f) what measures have been taken to improve the conditions and to avoid such accidents; and

(g) how old are the railway tracks in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (g) Statistics of railway accidents and related information are maintained railway zone-wise and not State-wise.

Rail Accidents in the Trivandrum Division

9. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of railway accidents and derailments which took place frorfi August, 1988 to January, 1989 in the Trivandrum division;

(b) whether Kerala Government has expressed its concern to the Ministry of Railways in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof, and the steps taken to improve the maintenance of tracks, deployment of required number of mechanical staff etc.;

(d) whether the report of inquiry into the rail accident in which the Island Express had plunged into a lake at Peru-mon near Quilon in August, 1988 has been received and examined by Government; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a)During the period August, 88 - January, 89, there were 5 train accidents on Trivandrum Division. All these were derailments.

(b)\Yes, Sir.

(c) The matters raised by the Kerala Government relate mainly to maintenance of track and rolling stock. In this connection, the following steps have already been taken:—

(i) 190 kms. of track have been strengthened, out of a total length of 220